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SUBJECT: PROPOSED JAPANESE EMBASSY IN MAPUTO

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1. IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUING INTEREST BY THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN ESTABLISHING AN EMBASSY IN MAPUTO (REF B), EMBASSY DAR MAY WISH TO PASS FOLLOWING INFORM REQUESTED IN REF A TO THE JAPANESE COUNSELLOR IN TANZANIA.

2. CURRENTLY AMERICAN STAFF AT EMBASSY IS COMPOSED OF FIVE OFFICERS (AMBASSADOR, DCM/POLITICAL OFFICER, POLITICAL/ECONOMIC OFFIER, COMMERCIAL/CONSULAR OFFICER AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER), TWO SECRETARIES AND ONE COMMUNICATOR. LOCAL STAFF CONSISTS OF ELEVEN PEOPLE-TWO GENERAL SERVICES ASSISTANTS, ONE CONSULAR ASSISTANT, ONE B&F ASSISTANT, ONE COMMERCIAL ASSISTANT, TWO SECRETARIES, ONE RECEPTIONIST, ONE DRIVER AND TWO JANITOR/MAIL-K ROOM ATTENDANTS.

3. SALARIES OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES VARY WIDELY. ECONOMIC AND B&F ASSISTANTS WHO HAVE LONG SERVICE AND ARE REAL PROS EARN ROUGHLY \$14,600 A YEAR. SECRETARIES EARN \$6,200, SENIOR

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SERVICE DRIVER EARNS \$5,900, AND JANITORS EARN \$4,900. THESE

ARE AVERAGES AND JAPANESE MAY WANT TO PAY MORE OR LESS. REAL PROBLEM OF COURSE WILL BE FINDING GOOD STAFF AS PORTUGUESE LEAVE.

4. LOCAL REAL ESTATE SCENE IS IN COMPLETE CHAOS AFTER FEB 3 NATIONALIZATION. CURRENTLY EMBASSY IS PAYING APPROXIMATELY \$980 PER MONTH FOR 7,126 SQUARE FEET OF SPACE IN OLD BUILDING IN LESS DESIRABLE PORT AREA OF TOWN. DECENT THREE AND FOUR BEDROOM HOUSES RENT FOR \$300-400 PER MONTHS. GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY TAKEN OVER OWNERSHIP OF ALL RENTAL UNITS AND RENTS MAY FLUCUATE SOMEWHAT IN FUTURE.

5. VEHICLES WILL HAVE TO BE IMPORTED. AS USUAL IN THIS PART OF AFRICA, PUEGEOT, VW AND BENZ ARE EASIEST TO SERVICE. GAS PRICES RUN APPROXIMATELY \$0.45 PER LITER.

6 WHILE FOREGOING IS NOT COMPREHENSIVE, HOPE IT IS USEFUL.

7 FYI-YASUSHI "PAUL" KURAKOCHI, HEAD OF AFRICAN DEPT IN JAPANESE MFA PAID SHORT VISIT TO MAPUTO IN MAY 1975, SHORTLY BEFORE INDEPENDENCE. ONE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT WAS TO ASSESS POSSIBILITIES FOR ESTABLISHING A JAPANESE MISSION HERE. AT THAT TIME EMBOFFS SPOKE WITH KURAKOCHI ABOUT EXISTING AND PROPOSED US EMBASSY FACILITIES HERE. INFO IN PARAS 2-5 MORE UP-TO-DATE THAN THAT GIVEN KURAKOCHI DURING HIS VISIT.
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